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18 January 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Background Information on Legislation to Enable State Department to Deny Passports to American Communists

1. This memorandum is submitted for your action. Such action is suggested in paragraph 5.
2. You will recall that General Cabell testified on this subject before the House Foreign Affairs Committee in 1959. You will further recall that around the middle of December, you were contacted by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, at which time CIA's assistance was requested to help the Department in the presentation of a case before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for appropriate legislation. Mr. Helms asked that I assist the Department along these lines. We have been preparing material along two lines: (1) Overt material which can be furnished to the Department for their use in support of the legislation; and (2) Material which could be used by either you or General Cabell in Executive Session. It is my understanding that either you or General Cabell will testify in Executive Session if requested by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee or the Secretary of State.
3. Early last week, Mr. John W. Sipes, of the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, informed me that they were recommending to Secretary Herter that he make a statement before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee relative to the desirability of adequate passport legislation. During the afternoon of 15 January, Mr. Sipes advised that Secretary Herter was going to make a statement but that he would not testify until 21 January. I was further

informed that Senator Hickenlooper contemplated asking you about passport legislation during your testimony on 18 January and that Mr. John W. Hanes, Jr., had been in contact with you on this subject.

4. After talking with [] and Mr. Sheldon, I contacted Mr. Sipes and obtained the attached statement which Secretary Herter will make on the 21st of January, and also the testimony which Mr. Murphy gave before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 1959.

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5. It is recommended that if you are asked a question concerning this legislation, you respond along the lines of the attached statement.

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Deputy Chief, CI Staff

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Attachments (8)

1. Proposed Response to Question on
Passport Legislation
2. Some instances of U. S. Communist
Activities Abroad
3. Statement the Secretary of State will make
before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee
4. Statement of Deputy Secretary of State before
the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 1959
5. Statement by [] before the House
Foreign Affairs Committee in 1959
6. Joint Report of the Special Committee of the
American Bar Association in 1959
7. HR 9069
8. Senate Bill 2315

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